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1. Construction of the first factory for steam turbines in Yugoslavia was begun in 1948. According to present plans, the factory should go into full production by the end of 1950. This factory will be the largest of its kind in the Balkans and it will produce steam turbines to be used in electric power stations.
2. So far six new halls, the largest of which is 200 meters long, have been completed. They are centrally heated and have a glass roof. The remaining buildings are nearing completion and equipment is already being installed in some of them. The machinery has largely been obtained from Germany, on the basis of reparations, whence it was first transported to Zagreb and then to Karlovac. Much of the machinery was damaged en route, so that workshops had to be erected to repair it prior to installation. When the factory begins production it is planned to employ some 2,500 workers, half of which will be women. A workers' settlement, of which 24 two-story buildings have already been completed, is being constructed next to the factory.
3. Of the various buildings, the central mounting workshop will have three sections where the newly arrived machinery will first be examined and tested before being installed or mounted. Currently, the newly arrived machinery is stored in three large hangars, awaiting installation. These hangars are made of tin obtained from UNRRA in 1945 and 1946 for the repair of homes.
4. A large electric power station which will be equipped with a transformer and four large dynamos is presently being built on the Kupa River near the factory. This power station will supply power to the factory in case of damage to the central power station.
5. Three buildings, destined to house an industrial school, were completed during 1949. The school has a dormitory for workers whom it will train as skilled workers.

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Comment: A plan of the factory lay-out is available upon request.

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